

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 1, 2005. Claims 24, 25, 50, 51, 76, 77, 102 and 103 are in the application, and all of those claims have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter, at page 17 of the Office Action. In keeping with this indication, each of Claims 24, 50, 76 and 102 have been rewritten in independent form including all features of their base and intervening claims. Claims 25, 51, 77 and 103 have been retained in dependent form. It is therefore believed that Claims 24, 25, 50, 51, 76, 77, 102 and 103 are fully in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 17, 19 to 23, 26 to 35, 37 to 43, 45 to 49, 52 to 61, 63 to 69, 71 to 75, 78 to 87, 89 to 95, 97 to 101 and 104 were all rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,560,644 (Lautmann) in view of U.S. Patent 6,052,724 (Willie), and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,778,394 (Galtzur). These claims have all been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer or subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejection, but rather simply to expedite issuance of the allowable claims listed above. It is Applicants' current intention to file a divisional application directed to these cancelled claims. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejection.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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